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16 November 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 16 November 1960

PRESENT: Mr. Allen, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Dulles, Mr. Gray,
Mr. Merchant, Mr. Riddleberger, Mr. Scribner,
Mr. Smith

1. Revaluation of Ruble

The Board discussed various aspects of the Soviet announcement about the revaluation of the ruble. Mr. Scribner said that Treasury has prepared an analysis of the true situation, as contrasted to Soviet claims, and has made this available to USIA for use abroad as appropriate.

2. Executive Order on Foreign Spending

The Board then discussed the Presidential Directive which was to be issued at four o'clock, outlining various measures to be taken in an effort to alleviate the increasing drain on U.S. gold reserves.

A number of questions were asked as to how the background and proposed implementation of this order will be presented in the U.S. and abroad. It was noted that a press conference will be scheduled in Augusta.

3. Movie "Spartacus"

Mr. Allen told the Board about developments in connection with the application of International Media Guarantees to the United Artists movie production of "Spartacus." He said that the regulation setting up this guarantee provides that it will not apply to productions which show evidence of being influenced by Communists or pro-Communist individuals. In this case the story was adapted for the screen by one of the Hollywood writers who took the fifth amendment before a

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Congressional Committee. Because of this fact, and in the face of considerable pressures from United Artists, Mr. Allen had refused to apply the guarantee.

Subsequently, the studio withdrew its application, stating that it would be resubmitted after January.

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6. Finland

The Board then discussed the situation with respect to the possible offer of further U.S. aid to President Kekkonen before the latter makes his projected trip to Moscow. It was noted that Ambassador Sessions has suggested such an offer, citing certain provisions of the current OCB Operations Plan. The State Department has replied that the Plan should not be so construed under present circumstances and no such offer should be made at this time.

7. Soviet Statement on Satellites

Mr. Dulles discussed the Harry Schwartz column in Monday's New York Times, summarizing an article in the Soviet publication "International Affairs." He pointed out that we are in possession of

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the original article, which makes the Soviet position quite clear, i. e. that they maintain any reconnaissance satellite to be completely illegal.



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